

## **COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI LIGHTNER**

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## **News Release**

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## Councilmember Sherri Lightner requests further analysis of water consumption proposal and options

SAN DIEGO --- Councilmember Sherri Lightner today requested that the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) review the policies of other California water districts and/or cities of similar size that have instituted programs to reduce water consumption.

"It's very important that our city carefully analyzes all possible options in determining the best practices for implementing a program to reduce water consumption," Councilmember Lightner stated.

"I have requested that the IBA focus their research on the benefits and drawbacks of the City Water Department's current proposal and those of other cities and agencies, including how each plan is perceived by the users, the level of difficulty for the city to implement, and whether the plans provide long-term incentives for conservation," Lightner said.

"It's critical that we analyze how other agencies manage all classes of users, including single family households, multi-family households, agricultural, institutional, and commercial users. I am especially interested in the response and feedback from users in other districts where water conservation measures have been implemented," Lightner noted.

"I have asked the Independent Budget Analyst to complete this review by April 15 so that the Mayor and Council have time to consider alternatives for managing the water supply reduction plan which is proposed to start on July 1, 2009," Lightner concluded.

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Penasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.